



Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 4/1/2026

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held at the City Dog Park at 319 N. Park Dr.

Members in attendance: Charly Sager, Elise Trelegan, Catherine Skeeter, Brooke Orr, Noah Bressman, Dave Burt, Matthias Pieplak, Christina Williams, Karen Cooper

Members of the public in attendance: Brede Gibson, Stephen Feliciano, Izabell Wilk, Matt Heim

Staff in attendance: Travis Huff

City Council in attendance: None

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Elise. Attendees introduced themselves, and engaged in a brief ice breaker.

Approval of Minutes

- March minutes approved (Motion: Christina; Second: Matthias; Approved)

City Updates

- Comprehensive Plan: Environmental chapter under review; Green Team input provided
- Waterside Park: Construction underway; pollinator areas unaffected
- Salisbury Marathon: Transitioning to canned water (reduced plastic)
- Red, White, and Boom Trash Cleanup: Green Team does not have the capacity to lead this year; referred to Wicomico Clean
- Bike to Work Week (May 15): Opportunity to work with BPAC
- Sustainable Maryland: Regional meeting planned; continued push for City sustainability coordinator
- Pay-As-You-Throw: Elise and Bruce Robson met with WasteZero on a possible waste reduction pilot which Bruce will share with the Mayor for consideration

Guest Presentation – Pollinator Garden Tour (LSLT)

Event Overview

- June 7 (tour); kickoff event June 6 at Salisbury University
- Self-guided tour of pollinator gardens with plein air artists
- Post-tour art auction fundraiser
- ~200 attendees expected (based on prior year)

Volunteer Roles

- Garden docents, welcome center, runners, children's activities, arboretum support
- Shifts: 8 AM–12 PM and 12–4 PM (lunch provided)

Green Team Participation

- Confirmed: Elise, Ebony Jenkins, Sarah, Brooke, Noah (also hosting site)
 - Interested: Stephen, Izabell, Matthias, Christina, Karen, Charly
 - Coordinator: Beth Shepherd (LSLT)
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Community Gardens Update

Boundless Garden

- Bed installation: April 18
- Planting day: May 3 (with Poplar Hill Festival outreach)
- Soil donation and volunteer coordination in progress

Camden Garden

- Volunteer work completed April 27
- Irrigation repairs scheduled
- Seasonal planning ongoing

Edible Garden (by the Friendship Bridge)

- Site cleanup underway; planting scheduled for May 2
 - Water access issue identified (to be resolved)
 - Brede unavailable June–August (internship); limited weekend support
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Shore Blooms Initiative

Sites & Planting

- Church Street site removed; Salisbury Zoo added
- Additional potential site pending
- Primary planting: Dates and Locations
 - 1011 Monitor Court, Monday May 11th at 10AM. Team Captains: Michelle Angell and Beth Sheppard. Crew: Fenix Youth Project/Ella Samis
 - 714 Grace Street, Monday May 11th (Christina will confirm timing with Kiya). Team Captain: Christina. Crew: Habitat for Humanity volunteers
 - Salisbury Zoo, Monday May 11th at 9:30AM. Team Captains: Matt Heim, Brooke Orr, Michelle Angell, and Kelly Colbert. Crew: LSLT Homeschool Group. May also be open to public - TBD.
 - 812 Mersey Lane, Tuesday, May 12th at 3PM. Team Captain: Stephen Feliciano. Crew: Stephen, neighbors, Green Team

Outreach & Materials

- Educational materials and website in development
- LSLT brochures (with QR stickers) to be used for outreach
- Additional materials from partner organizations
- LSLT's certification brochure will be translated into a google form

Events

- Earth Day (April 19, Zoo Stampede):
 - 15-minute presentation planned
 - SU students expected to present; Elise will serve as back up

Communications

- City discontinuing Green Team Facebook page
 - Alternative: independent page and/or LSLT amplification
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Adjournment

At 6:33pm Dave motioned to adjourn the meeting. Noah seconded the motion and the meeting ended.